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1. I HAVE THIS DATE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICA-
TION FOR YOU FROM DEFENSE MINISTER FOSTERVOLL:

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR JAMES,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTERS OF 27 DECEMBER 1974
AND 9 JANUARY 1975 ADVISING ME OF THE DECISION OF
THE UNITED STATES TO SELECT THE ROLAND II SHORT
RANGE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM FOR DEVELOPMENT BY THE
HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY.

AS YOU KNOW NORWAY IS CONSIDERING WHICH SHORT
RANGE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE
FOR OUR PURPOSES.

IT COULD BE VERY USEFUL IF WE COULD HAVE THE
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BENEFIT OF SOME OF THE US VIEWS ON THE ROLAND II

SYSTEM AND ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOU COULD GIVE US IN
THIS FIELD AND WONDER WHETHER YOU COULD BE PREPARED
TO ALLOW ONE OF MY HIGH LEVEL ADVISERS FROM THIS
MINISTRY AND A FEW MILITARY AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS
TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF
INTERESTS TO NORWAY IN CONNECTION I.A. WITH THE
ROLAND II DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

IF YOU COULD AGREE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SUCH A
VISIT THE FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE AGREED
BY OUR STAFFS.

THANKING YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER,
I AM,

YOURS SINCERELY,
ALV JAKOB FOSTERVOLL

END TEXT

2. WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS,
BYRNE

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